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Express Mail™ mailing label number: EV 316038347 USDate of Deposit: August 1, 2006**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**In re Appln. of: **HOFER et al.**Appln. No.: **Not Yet Assigned**Filed: **August 1, 2006**For: **CONNECTION SYSTEM FOR  
CONNECTING AT LEAST ONE  
CONTACT OF AT LEAST FLAT  
BLOCK OF COMPONENTS TO  
AT LEAST ONE APPARATUS**Examiner: **Not Yet Assigned**Group Art Unit:  
**Not Yet Assigned**Attorney Docket No: **11371/129**

Client No. (2003P12333WOUS)

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicants hereby cite the following references:

**U.S. AND FOREIGN REFERENCES**

<b>Patent/ Publication No.</b>	<b>Date of Issue/Publication</b>	<b>Patentee/Applicant/Country</b>
6,066,006	05/23/2000	Shaw
6,036,508	03/14/2000	Anderson et al.
5,411,418	05/02/1995	Welsh et al.
4,812,130	03/14/1989	Altenschulte
WO 02/089260 A3	11/07/2002	PCT

For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet) and a copy of cited reference A5. As each of the listed references is in English, no further commentary is believed to be necessary, 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3). Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's consideration of the above references and entry thereof into the record of this application.

Also enclosed are copies of the International Search Report dated August 2, 2005 and the International Preliminary Examination Report (with translation into

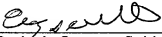
English) dated June 13, 2006 for the corresponding PCT Application  
No. PCT/EP2004/053725.

By submitting this Statement, Applicants are attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

Applicants have calculated no fee to be due in connection with the filing of this Statement. However, the Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with the filing of this Statement to a deposit account, as authorized in the Transmittal accompanying this Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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/MZ/	A1	6,066,006	05/23/2000	Shaw		
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